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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Russell A. Berg, USAF

SUBJECT : Overseas Air Movement

1. I refer to your memorandum of 13 February 1956 on the above subject. It is recognized that adequate advance notice of airlift requirements for the overseas movement of personnel and equipment is absolutely essential for orderly planning by the Air Force. Accordingly, every effort will be made to keep you advised on a most realistic basis of our plans for the movement of Detachment A.

2. As you are aware, the prospective combat readiness date, both of the personnel and of its equipment, has been the subject of recent careful review by this Project Headquarters in consultation with the Commander, 4070th Support Wing, SAC. On the basis of that review a deployment date of 1 May has now been established for Detachment A. This represents a retardation of planned deployment by 15 days from the planning date which had previously been communicated to you. I understand that this date will fall within the airlift plan period 1-15 May, the period following that for which this requirement had previously been stated.

3. Information received subsequent even to the review of combat readiness referred to above, tends to confirm the belief that equipment will have been tested to the point of reliability in time to permit deployment on the new deployment date of 1 May. There remains, however, the possibility that facilities cannot be prepared overseas by this date. The uncertainty as to this element in our planning arises fundamentally from political circumstances beyond our control. These circumstances will, however, be kept under continuous review and you will be advised of any developments that may affect the deployment date. Progress on